

**REMARKS**

Claims 2-51 are pending in this application. No claims have been canceled. Claims 41-51 have been added. No new matter has been added by the above claim amendments. New claims 41 to 51 are identical to the amended independent claims except that the claims recite open transitional language "comprises" instead of "consists of". Applicants submit that the remarks and arguments submitted in the Reply filed July 14, 2003 also apply to newly added claims 41 to 51.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Kecia Reynolds (Reg. No. 47,021) at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.


If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees


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required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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